

REMARKS

Claims 66 and 67 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on November 4, 2003 along with the instant application in which four (4) PTO forms 1449 were filed listing 29 U.S. Patent documents, 42 foreign documents, and 2 articles. Applicants request that the Examiner return copies of the 4 PTO forms 1449 on which the Examiner has initialed all listed items.

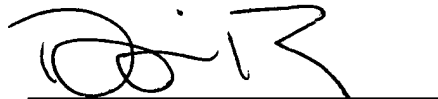
Applicants further note that the form PTOL-326 lists claim 67 as being objected to. Applicants request clarification of the status of claim 67. If claim 67 contains allowable subject matter or contains defects requiring correction, Applicants hereby reserve the opportunity to address any issues with regard to claim 67 prior to further prosecution on the merits.

Notwithstanding the above noted discrepancy, claims 66 and 67 are noted in the Detailed Action as being provisionally rejected under the non statutory judicially created doctrine of double patenting in view claims 66 and 67 of co-pending application 10/699,954 filed on November 4, 2003. Accordingly, a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. 1.321 is filed herewith.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Please charge any unforeseen fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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